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From the Executive Director...



Jim McGowan

Commission activity continues to revolve around the triennial code cycle. We spent the summer in the **propose** phase of the process. The Code Advisory Committees (CAC) worked long and hard with the respective state agencies and stakeholders to assure that the proposed 2013 California Building Standards Code (effective January 2014) guarantees safe building guidelines while being practical, efficient and effective. Upon completion of

the CAC meetings, all proposed additions and changes are subject to review during 45-day public comment periods and as necessary, additional review periods. I encourage you to **review** the code cycle processes and individual state agency Express Terms (ET), Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA), and Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) in an effort to familiarize yourself with proposed changes. Go to the 2012 Code Cycle page on the CBSC [website](http://www.cbcs.org) for an extensive review of the materials (additional information is provided in the following article).

Upon completion of the public comment periods, the respective state agencies will take all input into consideration and ultimately submit

final proposals to the commission for adoption in December 2012 and January 2013. As always we invite stakeholder participation and input. Please email cbcs@dgs.ca.gov or telephone, (916) 263-0916, anytime you have questions concerning the commission or the code development processes.

Lastly, I want to bring the 2012 Great California ShakeOut to your attention and encourage you to register your department and/or family for the October 18, 2012 event. The annual ShakeOut exercise is an important reminder of what to do in the event of an earthquake: Drop, Cover and Hold On!

Sincerely,

"How can I 'review' what's been proposed for the 2013 California Building Standards Code (effective January 2014)?"

law to develop building standards that apply to particular types of buildings or building occupancies, or to features of a building. Consequently, during the code adoption process individual state agency proposals are submitted separately. The proposed building standard language is submitted by the respective state agencies in a document referred to as the *Express Terms*. Proposed building standards are required to be made available for **review** and comment



First, there are a few things to understand. There are up to 14 separate state agencies involved in developing building standards for publication in Title 24. Each agency has separate authority (mandates) in state

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by the public for a period of at least 45-days. This is called the “45-day Public Comment/Challenge Period”. When changes are made to a proposed building standard following a public comment period or commission meeting, the amended building standard must be made available for either a second 45-day period, or a 15-day period when the amendment is non-substantive.

The *Express Terms* are currently available on the CBSC [website](#):

- Place the cursor on the *Codes* tab at the top of the home page;
- Select *Code Adoption Cycle* on the drop down menu;
- Select *2012 Cycle*, then *45-day and 15-day Comment/Challenge Period*.
- Select desired subject matter, which has been grouped by 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 45-day Comment/Challenge Period (1st, 2nd, or 3rd 15-day Comment/Challenge Periods may apply depending on further code changes within a cycle).
- Select the state agency of interest from the list provided. Only those state agencies listed have proposed building standards for the subject code.
- Select *Express Terms* to view the proposal submitted by the state agency.

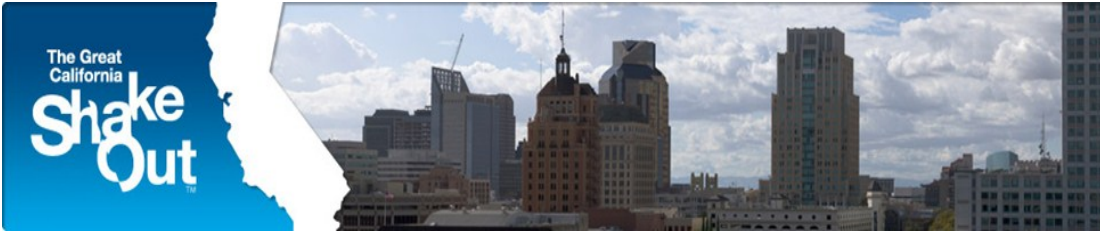
**Note:* To ensure that you view the most recent version of any proposed changes to the code it is important to pay attention to the comment period dates with regard to the respective *Express Terms*.

Legislative Update...

The 2011/2012 legislative session has come to a close. This year there were several legislative bills pertaining to building standards, some of which made amendments to California Building Standards Law. The following bills were signed by the Governor and chaptered by the Secretary of State, to become law on January 1, 2013:

AB 296	(Skinner)	Dept. of Transportation: paving materials;
AB 1612	(Lara)	Administrative Practices;
AB 1750	(Solorio)	Rainwater Capture Act of 2012;
AB 2030	(Olsen)	Building standards: press boxes;
AB 2041	(Swanson)	Regulations: adoption: disability access;
AB 2114	(Smyth)	Swimming pool safety;
AB 2697	(Committee on Housing and Community Development)	Housing Omnibus Act;
SB 1186	(Steinberg)	Disability access;
SB 1394	(Lowenthal)	Dwelling safety: carbon monoxide and smoke detectors;
SB 1520	(Calderon)	State government: administrative efficiency.

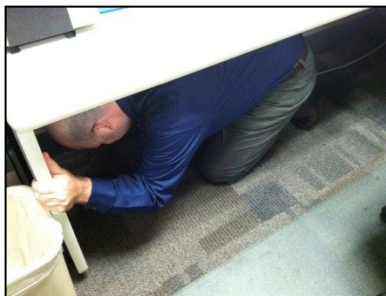
CBSC To Participate In The Shake Out...



Join millions of Californians who annually [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes. The 2012 Great California ShakeOut! takes place on October 18th at 10:18 a.m.



The ShakeOut has also been organized to encourage you, your [community, school or organization](#) to review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies, and to secure your space in order to prevent damage and injuries.



CBSC staff members during the 2011 ShakeOut drill.

Next Scheduled Commission Meetings

December 11-12, 2012

January 9-10, 2013

Department of Consumer Affairs

1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N 112

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Commission meeting notices/agendas are issued fifteen (15) days prior to meeting dates. If you would like to receive meeting notices please complete the [database form](#) located under *Featured Links* on the CBSC website home page or email your request to cbsc@dgs.ca.gov.

Commission meetings are webcast at www.dca.ca.gov/stream/audiocast.asx.

(The link is active five minutes prior to meeting start times).





CBSC staff members go the extra mile...

The California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC) annually raises money for a diverse array of charities. State workers have the opportunity to designate nonprofit organizations they want to support. In recent years CBSC staff has promoted CSECC fundraising year round. And this year is no exception. During the campaign launch, CBSC raised awareness and funds for Camp Taylor, and Project R.I.D.E. [Camp Taylor](#) provides events for children and families of children who have heart disease. [Project R.I.D.E.](#) provides therapeutic recreational horseback riding instruction to people with special needs.



Camp Taylor representative,
Jami Pressley



Project R.I.D.E. representatives,
Lori Candelaria and
Christa Trinchera



CBSC staffers support a number of charitable causes and events through both individual and corporate efforts. In recent months, CBSC analyst Kevin Day, pictured far left, joined other state employees in the 'Walk A Mile in Her Shoes' fundraiser for Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE). The nonprofit is the primary provider of crisis intervention services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Sacramento County.

Featured Publication

Have you noticed our most recent addition to educational publications on the CBSC website? It is entitled **"It's Your Building Department"** and is a short booklet written to alert elected officials and executive managers in local government about the many mandates in state law for a local building department. Find this document on the CBSC website under the [Education](#) tab and select Guidebooks. You may read it online or print it for circulation. Use the [Feedback](#) feature on the website to make comments and suggestions.



QUIZ: What is a Code Advisory Committee (CAC)?

1. The Code Advisory Committees have concluded their meetings for the 2012 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle. The purpose of those meetings was to:
 - A. Approve proposed building standards for publication in the 2013 edition of Title 24.
 - B. Approve or reject proposed amendments for publication in the 2012 edition of Title 24.
 - C. Review and make recommendations to the Commission regarding proposed building standards for publication in the 2013 edition of Title 24.
 - D. Review and make corrections to the building standards in the 2010 edition of Title 24.
2. Section 1-209 of Chapter 1, of Part 1, of Title 24, establishes required professional representation or areas of expertise for each member of the six Code Advisory Committees. These committee members are:
 - A. Volunteers without compensation other than travel expenses
 - B. Responsible for drafting building standards
 - C. Representatives of the model codes publishing organizations
 - D. A combination of all of the above
3. The 2012 Code Adoption Cycle will result in the publication of:
 - A. Supplements on blue colored paper for insertion in Title 24
 - B. Errata on buff colored paper for insertion in Title 24
 - C. The 2013 edition of Title 24 to be effective January 1, 2014
 - D. Any of the above depending on the Commission's rulings
4. There are a total of six Code Advisory Committees, which include the Building Fire and Other Committee, Plumbing Electrical Mechanical and Energy Committee, Accessibility Committee, Structural Design/Lateral Forces Committee, Health Facilities Committee, and:
 - A. High-Rise Building Committee
 - B. Green Building Committee
 - C. Urban Wildland Committee
 - D. Indoor Environment Committee
5. Each Code Advisory Committee has nine members representing specific professions and areas of expertise. All six of the committees include a:
 - A. General Contractor
 - B. Plumber
 - C. HVAC Contractor
 - D. Local Building Official



Answers: 1) c; 2) a; 3) c; 4) b; 5) d

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